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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/616,505,  
Entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FLUID DELIVERY TO A  
HYBRIDIZATION STATION," by Zhou, *et al.*  
Attorney Docket No.: XEO100/4-008US/75000)

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

1. Preliminary Amendment to Correct Priority;
2. Supplemental Application Data Sheet; and
3. A return postcard.

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